

REMARKS

Claims 2-23 are pending in this application.

Judicially-created Double Patenting

Claims 2-23 have been rejected pursuant to the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1-24 of prior United States patent No. 6,480,610.

With this response a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR §1.321(c) is presented to obviate this rejection. Accordingly, this rejection is now moot.

Request for Allowance

It is believed that this response places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this response is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit an

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,

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